

# WAR SHAT- S KING COTTON'S THRONE

EECY STAPLE MUST PAY RAN-  
SOM INTO THE COFFERS OF  
WAR.

Nation Rings With Cries of Stricken  
Industry.

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King Cotton has suffered more from the European war than any other agricultural product on the American continent. The shells of the belligerents have burst over his throne, frightening his subjects and shattering his markets, and, panic-stricken, the nation cries out "God save the king!"

People from every walk of life have contributed their mite toward rescue work. Society has danced before the king; miffed by his decree that the family wardrobe shall contain only cotton goods; the press has pleaded with the public to "buy a bale"; bankers have been formulating holding plans; congress and legislative bodies have deliberated over relief measures; statesmen and writers have grown eloquent expounding the inalienable rights of "His Majesty" and presenting schemes for preserving the financial integrity of the stricken staple, but the sword of Europe has proved mightier than the pen of America in fixing value upon this product of the sunny south. Prices have been bayoneted, values riddled and markets decimated by the battling hosts of the eastern hemisphere until the American farmer has suffered a war loss of \$400,000,000, and a bale of cotton brave enough to enter a European port must pay a ransom of half its value or go to prison until the war is over.

Hope of the Future Lies In Co-operation.

The Farmers' Union, through the columns of the press, wants to thank the American people for the friendship, sympathy and assistance given the cotton farmers in the hour of distress and to direct attention to co-operative methods necessary to permanently assist the marketing of all farm products.

The present emergency presents as grave a situation as ever confronted the American farmer and from the viewpoint of the producer, would seem to justify extraordinary relief measures, even to the point of bending the constitution and straining business rules in order to lift a portion of the burden off the backs of the farmer, for unless something is done to check the invasion of the war forces upon the cotton fields, the path way of the European pestilence on this continent will be strewn with mortgaged homes and famine and poverty will stalk over the southland, filling the highways of industry with refugees and the bankruptcy court with prisoners.

All calamities teach us lessons and the present crisis serves to illuminate the frailties of our marketing methods and the weakness of our credit system, and out of the financial anguish and travail of the cotton farmer will come a volume of discussion and a mass of suggestions and finally a solution of this, the biggest problem in the economic life of America. If, indeed, we have not already laid the foundation for at least temporary relief.

More Pharaohs Needed in Agriculture.

Farm products have no credit and perhaps can never have on a permanent and satisfactory basis unless we build warehouses, cold storage plants, elevators, etc., for without storage and credit facilities, the south is compelled to dump its crop on the market at harvest time. The Farmers' Union in the cotton producing states have for the past ten years persistently advocated the construction of storage facilities. We have built during this period 2,000 warehouses with a capacity of approximately 4,000,000 bales and looking backward the results would seem encouraging, but looking forward, we are able to house less than one-third of the crop and warehouses without a credit system lose 90 per cent of their usefulness. The problem is a gigantic one—too great for the farmer to solve unaided. He must have the assistance of the banker, the merchant and the government.

In production we have reached the high water mark of perfection in the world's history, but our marketing methods are most primitive. In the dawn of history we find agriculture plowing with a forked stick but with a system of warehouses under governmental supervision that made the Egyptians the marvel of civilization, for who has not admired the vision of Joseph and applauded the wisdom of Pharaoh for storing the surplus until demanded by the consumer, but in this age we have too many Josephs who dream and not enough Pharaohs who build.

## Attention, Homesteaders

All legal advertising in this paper is read and corrected according to copy. Read your ad and if an error found, however slight, notify us at once.

### NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

Department of the Interior, U. S. Land Office at Clayton, New Mexico, Jan. 6, 1915.

Notice is hereby given that David S. Pinkerton, of Clayton, N. M., who, on August 4, 1910, made homestead entry, serial No. 011854, for 64 ac. Section 24, Township 24 north, Range 35 east, N. M. P. Meridian, has filed notice of intention to make Three Year Proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before Register and Receiver, U. S. Land Office, at Clayton, New Mexico, on the 18th day of February, 1915.

Claimant names as witnesses:  
Carrey Robinson, H. H. Hamilton, Hill Burrow, C. E. Williams, all of Texline, Texas.  
1-15-2-13 Paz Valverde, Register.

### NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

Department of the Interior, U. S. Land Office at Clayton, N. M., Jan. 6, 1915.

Notice is hereby given that James E. Knowles, heir, for the heirs of Martha P. Knowles, deceased, of Clayton, N. M., who, on Sept. 8, 1909, made Additional H. E. Serial No. 02108, for 64 ac. Section 24, Township 24 north, Range 35 east, N. M. P. Meridian, has filed notice of intention to make Three Year Proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before Register and Receiver, U. S. Land Office, at Clayton, N. M., on the 17th day of February, 1915.

Claimant names as witnesses:  
Mary E. Bugh, Clark Baines, George Farley, all of Seneca, N. M.; John B. Simmons, of Clayton, N. M.  
1-15-2-13 Paz Valverde, Register.

### NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

Department of the Interior, U. S. Land Office at Clayton, N. M., Jan. 6, 1915.

Notice is hereby given that John David Johnson, of Thomas, N. M., who, on Feb. 17, 1908, and April 16, 1910, made homestead entries, serial Nos. 00473 and 011109, for 64 ac. Section 12, Township 23 north, Range 34 east, N. M. P. Meridian, has filed notice of intention to make Three Year Proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before Register and Receiver, U. S. Land Office, at Clayton, N. M., on the 18th day of February, 1915.

Claimant names as witnesses:  
Samuel Bentley, William A. Bullard, Jesse L. Nobles, Merle D. Johnson, all of Thomas, N. M.  
1-15-2-13 Paz Valverde, Register.

### NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

Department of the Interior, U. S. Land Office at Clayton, N. M., Jan. 6, 1915.

Notice is hereby given that Adeline Tucker, of Wanette, N. M., who, on January 4, 1910 and June 11, 1911, made homestead entry and addl. H. E. Serial Nos. 010135 and 013491, for 64 ac. Section 13, Township 23 north, Range 34 east, N. M. P. Meridian, has filed notice of intention to make Three Year Proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before Register and Receiver, U. S. Land Office, at Clayton, N. M., on the 20th day of February, 1915.

Claimant names as witnesses:  
Joshua B. Alexander, John E. Skelton, J. Thomas Leveritt, James B. Shann, all of Wanette, N. M.  
1-15-2-13 Paz Valverde, Register.

### NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

Department of the Interior, U. S. Land Office at Clayton, N. M., Jan. 6, 1915.

Notice is hereby given that William T. Stephenson, of Seneca, N. M., who, on Feb. 11, 1914, made homestead entry Serial No. 013497, for Lots 3-4, 5-6, 7-8, 9-10, 11-12, 13-14, 15-16, 17-18, 19-20, 21-22, 23-24, 25-26, 27-28, 29-30, 31-32, 33-34, 35-36, 37-38, 39-40, 41-42, 43-44, 45-46, 47-48, 49-50, 51-52, 53-54, 55-56, 57-58, 59-60, 61-62, 63-64, 65-66, 67-68, 69-70, 71-72, 73-74, 75-76, 77-78, 79-80, 81-82, 83-84, 85-86, 87-88, 89-90, 91-92, 93-94, 95-96, 97-98, 99-100, 101-102, 103-104, 105-106, 107-108, 109-110, 111-112, 113-114, 115-116, 117-118, 119-120, 121-122, 123-124, 125-126, 127-128, 129-130, 131-132, 133-134, 135-136, 137-138, 139-140, 141-142, 143-144, 145-146, 147-148, 149-150, 151-152, 153-154, 155-156, 157-158, 159-160, 161-162, 163-164, 165-166, 167-168, 169-170, 171-172, 173-174, 175-176, 177-178, 179-180, 181-182, 183-184, 185-186, 187-188, 189-190, 191-192, 193-194, 195-196, 197-198, 199-200, 201-202, 203-204, 205-206, 207-208, 209-210, 211-212, 213-214, 215-216, 217-218, 219-220, 221-222, 223-224, 225-226, 227-228, 229-230, 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